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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Application No. 09/196,185 Filed November 20, 1998
Title: **WIRE FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAYS, LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAYS HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING
METHODS THEREOF**
Inventors: Myung-Koo HUR, et al.
Our Ref: 06192.0052.00US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 including 1 reference (JP8-254680);
3. Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the fees in connection with the above, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 06192.0052.00US00. *A copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee is required.
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 - a. I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
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4. Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification.

5. The document was cited in a corresponding foreign application.

6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

In order to obtain a semiconductor device with a sufficiently low wiring resistance of main scanning line without sacrificing the production yield, the scanning line includes the first metallic layer consisting of pure aluminum, the second metallic layer consisting of molybdenum arranged on the upper layers of the metallic layer and the alloy layer consisting of Mo-Tungsten alloy covering the metallic layers.

7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy

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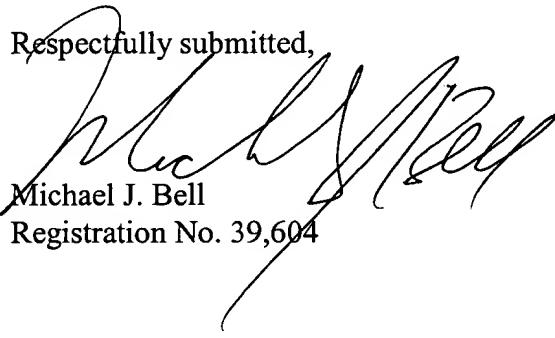
as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 06192.0052.00US00.

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